

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6, and 13 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 13 are pending, with claims 1, 6, and 13 being independent. No new matter is presented in this Amendment After Final Rejection.

Claim Amendments and Entry of Amendment After Appeal and Before Filing of Appeal Brief

A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 26, 2009. An Appeal Brief had not been filed as of the filing date of May 28, 2009, of this Amendment After Appeal and Before Filing of Appeal Brief, but the applicants intend to file an Appeal Brief in the near future. Title 37 CFR 41.33(a) states as follows:

Amendments filed after the date of filing an appeal pursuant to § 41.31(a)(1) through (a)(3) and prior to the date a brief is filed pursuant to § 41.37 may be admitted as provided in § 1.116 of this title.

Title 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2) states as follows:

An amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted.

Accordingly, this Amendment After Appeal and Before Filing of Appeal Brief is being filed to correct obvious errors in independent claims 1, 6, and 13 to place the application in better form for consideration on appeal.

Specifically, the unnecessary "and" at the end of claim 1, paragraph 2, has been deleted.

Also, "laser transmission region" and "laser non-transmission region" in claim 6, paragraph 3, and claim 13, paragraph 2, have been changed to "light transmission region" and "light non-transmission region" to be consistent with "light transmission region" and "light non-transmission region" elsewhere in claims 6 and 13, and in claim 7 depending from claim 6.

Finally, "always greater 0.5 μm " in claim 6, paragraph 6, has been changed to "always greater than 0.5 μm " to be consistent with "always greater than 0.5 μm " in claim 1, paragraph 6, and claim 13, paragraph 5. This change is also consistent with the Examiner's statement "thus clearly suggests an overlapped portion always greater than 0.5 and always not greater than 2 μm " on page 3 of the Final Office Action of January 26, 2009.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that entry of this Amendment After Appeal and Before Filing of Appeal Brief is proper under 37 CFR 41.33(a) and 1.116(b)(2), and it is respectfully requested that it be entered.

Conclusion

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this paper, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

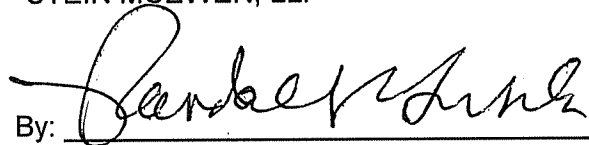
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